

REMARKS:

Claims 1 and 3-11 are in the application. Claim 2 has been added to claim 1. Claim 2 is canceled. Claim 3 now depends on claim 1 as currently amended. Claim 5 has been currently amended to place the reference numeral 47 in line 4 in parenthesis.

Under separate cover an Information Disclosure Statement will be submitted.

Claims 1-11 were rejected as unpatentable based on Roe (U.S. Patent No. 6,272,757 B1), hereafter Roe, in view of Bednar et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,851,193 B2), hereafter Bednar.

In Roe a single post 61 is disclosed and is supposed to teach the dual connecting parts of the applicants' invention. There is no mention or suggestion of dual connecting parts 14. All that Roe discloses is a single post 61 and its connecting part does not have a rounded cross-section. On the contrary, the connecting part is not of a rounded cross-section, rather as specifically set forth in Roe it has a "generally D-shaped cross-section" as can be seen in Figs. 5-13. Outside the range of the positioning slot 71 and the post may have a rounded cross-section but it does not form any connecting part.

In Roe, as can be seen in Figs. 5-12 a locking plate 82 can be engaged with the locking slots 63 or moved to a channel 77 at the end of the post 61 so that the post can be rotated and displaced axially, note Figs. 12 and 13.

There is nothing in Roe to avoid canting which is a significant feature of the application invention.

The same is true of Bednar. Further, Bednar does not afford any disclosure of the connecting parts 14 claimed by the application.

It is questioned how the single slot in Bednar could form two separate recesses in view of claim 1 as currently amended.

In the applicants' claimed arrangement a very stable securement of the connecting assembly in the housing is achieved between the separated connecting parts. Of particular importance is the capability of the applicants invention to prevent canting between the connecting assembly and the housing, not available in the combination of Roe and Bednar.

With regard to claim 8, it is respectfully submitted that Mejia (U.S. Patent No. 3,528,463) does not add anything to Roe and/or Bednar that suggests any basis for respecting claim 1 as currently amended.

Therefore, in view of the amendments to the applicants' claims and the lack of any disclosure or teaching in Roe, Bednar, and Mejia, it is respectfully submitted that the applicants' claims are allowable and a favorable action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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